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SUBJECT: DOWNED KOREAN AIRLINER: PILOT AND NAVIGATOR

REF: (A) STATE 105887, (B) MOSCOW 8913, (C) MOSCOW 8794

1. POL COUNSELOR MET APRIL 27 WITH MFA COUNSELOR ISAKOV (THE MOST SENIOR OFFICIAL AVAILABLE IN THE ABSENCE, DUE TO ILLNESS, OF KOMPLEKTOV, FEDOSEYEV, AND SOKOLOV) AND RAISED ORALLY THE QUESTION OF FORMALIZING USG REPRESENTATION OF ROKG INTERESTS REGARDING THE REMAINING ISSUES RELATING TO THE DOWNED KOREAN AIRCRAFT. AT THE SAME TIME, POL COUNSELOR REPEATED REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO THE TWO CREWMEN. POL COUNSELOR MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

--T THE ROKG HAS ASKED, UNDER ARTICLE 46 OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION, THAT THE USG REPRESENT THEM IN THE USSR ON MATTERS REGARDING THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT;

--THAT THE USG IS PREPARED TO DO SO;

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--THAT SHOULD THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT THINK IT USEFUL IN THIS CASE, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO EXCHANGE NOTES TO THIS EFFECT WITH THE MINISTRY;

--THAT THE USG, HOWEVER, IS WILLING TO CONTINUE COOPERATION ON AN INFORMAL BASIS, IF THAT IS PREFERRED, TO ARRANGF REPATRIATION OF THE CREW MEMBERS, CARGO, AND EVENTUALLY

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THE AIRCRAFT ITSELF;

--THAT WE HAVE REQUESTED, VIA TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH FIRST FAR EAST DIVISION CHIEF KAPITSA, ACCESS TO THE DETAINED CREWMEN BY AN AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICER.

2. ISAKOV, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HE KNEW OF THE REQUEST TO KAPITSA REGARDING ACCESS (MOSCOW 9050), STATED THAT HE WOULD PASS ON THE POL COUNSELOR'S REMARKS, BUT STATED THAT HIS FIRST IMPRESSION WAS THAT OUR INTERPRETATION OF THE APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE 46 OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION IN THIS CASE WAS "ARTIFICIAL AND FORCED."

3. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE PRESSED KAPITSA'S OFFICE REPEATEDLY FOR REPLY TO OUR REQUEST FOR CONSULAR ACCESS TO KAL PILOT AND NAVIGATOR AND FOR INFORMATION REGARDING LIKELY DURATION OF INVESTIGATION. ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL IN KAPITSA'S OFFICE HAS INDICATED THAT WE WOULD HAVE ANSWER SOON, NONE HAS BEEN SUPPLIED AS OF COB TODAY.

4. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, EMBASSY STRONGLY DOUBTS WHETHER THE SOVIETS WISH TO EXCHANGE NOTES. IT APPEARS THAT THEY WOULD MUCH PREFER TO HANDLE THE WHOLE THING ON AN INFORMAL BASIS, PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL C. WE THEREEORE RECOMMEND THAT WE CONTINUE TO HANDLE THE REMAINING CONFIDENTIAL

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ISSUES ON AN INFORMAL BASIS SO LONG AS SOVIETS DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DENY US DE FACTO ROLE OF REPRESENTING SOUTH KOREAN INTERESTS. TOON

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